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SUBJECT: UPDATE, DROUGHT SITUATION REPORT

REF: NOUAKCHOTT 738

ROME FOR FODAG, PARIS FOR RAICHT, BRUSSELS FOR USEC/WENDT,
LONDON FOR BAAS

SUMMARY: GIRM DROUGHT RELIEF COORDINATOR, MINHEALTH, REPORTS
MAJOR CENTERS SOUTHEASTERN MAURITANIA FROM ALEG EASTWARD
CUT OFF BY RAINS; GIRM BEGINNING USE RIVER TRANSPORT SUPPLY
KAEDI AND OTHER TOWNS; EMERGENCY GRAIN STOCKS REDUCED TO ABOUT
4000 MT PENDING SCHEDULED ARRIVAL SOME 7400 MT BETWEEN NOW
AND MID-SEPTEMBER.

1. TRANSPORT. DURING OUR MEETING TODAY, MINISTER NOTED
MAJOR TOWNS IN FIRST (NEMA), SECOND (AIOUN EL ATROUSS),
THIRD (KIFFA-SELIBABY) AND PARTS OF FOURTH REGION (KAEDI) CUT
OFF FROM OVERLAND TRANSPORT BY HEAVY RAINS DURING PAST WEEK.

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ALEG (FIFTH REGION), WHICH NORMALLY ACCESSABLE YEAR-ROUND,

ALSO TEMPORARILY CUT OFF. GIRM HAS DISPATCHED ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF SOUTH TO ATTEMPT REROUTE EMERGENCY SUPPLY CONVOYS. IT HAS ALSO CONTRACTED FOR SHIPMENT 1200 MT GRAIN BY RIVER BOAT FROM ROSSO TO KAEDI AND IS SEEKING CHARTER ADDITIONAL RIVER TRANSPORT TO SUPPLY BOGUE AND SELIBABY.

2. GRAIN SUPPLIES. ACCORDING TO MINISTER, GRAIN STOCKS AT ROSSO NOW AMOUNT TO ABOUT 4000 TONS, BUT ARE DWINDLING FAST. GRAIN STOCKS NOUAKCHOTT PRESENTLY EXHAUSTED. MINISTER EXPECTS RECEIVE FOLLOWING NEW SHIPMENTS BETWEEN NOW AND MID-SEPTEMBER:

FED	3000 MT WHEAT	ETA AUGUST 25
	2000 MT MAIZE	ETA EARLY SEPTEMBER
FRG	1250 MT WHEAT	ETA AUGUST 21-25
	53 MT BUTTER-OIL	ETA AUGUST 25
WFP-USA	1230 MT MAIZE	ETA MID-SEPTEMBER

GIRM HAS ALREADY RECEIVED 4150 MT RICE (COMMERCIAL PURCHASE FROM ITALY), WHICH IS BEING SOLD BY STATE TRADING FIRM SONIMEX. SHURTLEFF

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